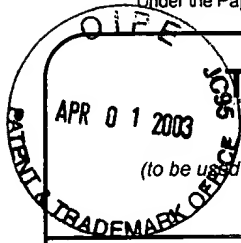


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	09/524,587
Filing Date	March 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	S. Manabe et al.
Art Unit	2775
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
Attorney Docket No.	MAT-7927US

RECEIVED
APR 03 2003
Technology Center 2600

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
- ☐ Fee Attached
- ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ After Final
 - ☐ Affidavits/Declaration(s)

- ☐ Extension of Time Request
- ☐ Express Abandonment Request

☒ **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

- ☐ Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application
 - ☐ Response to Missing Parts under
37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

- ☐ Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☐ Petition
- ☐ Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application
- ☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation,
Change of Correspondence
Address
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Request for Refund
- ☐ CD, Number of CD(s) _____

- ☐ After Allowance Communication
to Group
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Board
of Appeals and Interferences
- ☐ Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply
Brief)
- ☐ Proprietary Information
- ☐ Status Letter
- ☒ Other Enclosure(s) (please
identify below):

**PTO Form 1449, copy of Japanese
Official Action and 2 references**

Remarks:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT

Firm or
Individual

Lawrence E. Ashery

Signature

Date

March 27, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION / MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date:

Name (Print/Type)

Lawrence E. Ashery

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)

34,515

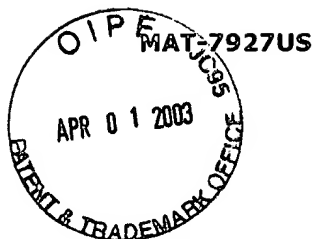
Signature

Date

March 27, 2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: S. Manabe et al. : Art Unit: 2775
Serial No.: 09/524,587 : Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: March 13, 2000 :
FOR: SURFACE LIGHTING DEVICE AND :
PORTABLE TERMINAL USING THE :
SAME :

RECEIVED
APR 03 2003
Technology Center 2600

SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 10-199318
- 2) 10-293213

References 1) and 2)) include English language abstracts and were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office

is submitted herewith. MPEP 609 IIIA(3), second paragraph.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before mailing of the first Official Action. No first Official Action has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or statement is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicants

LEA/fp

Enclosures: PTO Form 1449
Copies of (2) References
Copy of Japanese Office Action for JP 10-317397

Dated: March 27, 2003

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980
(610) 407-0700

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. **18-0350** of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:

March 27, 2003